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MEC MCHUNU EXPRESSES SHOCK AS EIGHT DIE IN ROAD ACCIDENT

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu, has learnt with great shock of the death of eight people on the R612 Nkwezela, near Bulwer, earlier today (16 July 2015).

Initial reports indicate that a minibus taxi traveling from Bulwer to Donnybrook collided head-on with a truck. This resulted in eight people dying on the scene, and nine critically injured who have been taken to Centocow clinic to receive medical care. Among the deceased six were females and two were males.

A team of forensic experts will be dispatched to investigate the real cause of this gruesome accidents, which has claimed eight lives upon impact, leaving others in a critical state.

"We are very disturbed by this accident, which has claimed the lives of eight people and injured more. It's a tragedy and could have been avoided by strictly adhering to the rules of the road. The majority of the deceased are women who probably were on their way from work, which might imply they are providers to and breadwinners of their families. Road accidents are indiscriminate and devastating, because this latest one comes after last week's accident that claimed the life of Deputy Mayor of Uthungulu Municipality, Cllr. Thulani Mashaba, due to a road accident. We must now all heed the call for individual and collective responsibility to save lives. On behalf of the government of KwaZulu-Natal, I wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the people who passed away and wish those in hospital a speedy recovery," said Mchunu.

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